Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for Widening of Jamboree Road between Bristol Street North (Newport Beach) and Centerpointe (Irvine)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Newport Beach has completed an Initial Study for the widening of Jamboree Road. The area of the proposed widening would occur on the southeast side of Jamboree Road between Bristol Street North (Newport Beach) and Centerpointe (Irvine). The proposed project will improve traffic flow along a stretch of Jamboree Road that is within both of these two cities. This project also implements the City of Newport Beach Circulation Element Policy CE 2.1.4 by constructing intersection improvements identified on the Circulation Element.

The proposed improvements along this segment of Jamboree Road include street widening to accommodate additional lanes primarily at the intersection of Jamboree Road and MacArthur Boulevard, intersection improvements, median improvements, construction of one retaining wall and one planter wall, and parkway improvements. The length of the area of proposed improvements along Jamboree Road is approximately 1,400 feet (0.3 miles).

During construction, lane closures along Jamboree Road would be required, and the other lanes along the roadway may be narrower (no less than 10 feet wide) than existing and ultimate lane widths to accommodate the work. Implementation of the project components would also require the acquisition of rights-of-way and temporary construction easements (TCE) along Jamboree Road. Partial property acquisition would be required from four adjacent parcels.

On the basis of the Initial Study, City staff has concluded that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment and has therefore recommended adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The MND reflects the independent judgment of City staff and recognizes project design features, previous environmental evaluations, and standard construction and engineering practices, requiring review and reevaluation of future projects as contributing to avoidance of potential impacts. The project site does not include any sites on an Environmental Protection Agency hazardous waste site list complied pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

The MND is available for a 30-day public review period beginning August 5, 2010 and ending September 3, 2010. Copies of the document are available for review at the Newport Beach Planning Department, located at 3300 Newport Boulevard, Building C, Newport Beach, CA 92663 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The document can also be accessed online at: http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1347. Any written comments on the proposed project should be sent to the attention of Andy Tran at the address listed below, and must be received no later than September 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

The City Council of Newport Beach is tentatively scheduled to consider this item at a regular meeting to be held on October 26, 2010, at the City of Newport Beach Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Boulevard, Newport Beach, CA 92658. For additional information, please contact Andy Tran, Senior Civil Engineer, at (949) 644-3315 or at atran@newportbeachca.gov.

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